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## COVID-19 Press Bulletin for 11-09-2020

Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director and Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator of Community Health Services were joined by Kat Miller, Director of the Department of Veterans Services to provide updates on Nevada's ongoing COVID-19 response and Veterans Day in Nevada during a call with members of the media.

This bulletin provides facts, figures, and informational items from the call. As a reminder, data is provided in a dashboard on the home page of the <a href="Nevada Health Response">Nevada Health Response</a> website and can be accessed 24 hours a day.

## **SUMMARY:**

- The County Criteria Tracker is released every Monday and can be found on the NV Health Response dashboard. The following 10 counties have been flagged for elevated transmission for COVID-19:
  - Washoe for the past seven consecutive weeks
  - Lyon for five weeks
  - o Clark, Elko and Lincoln for four weeks
  - o Carson City and Nye for three weeks
  - Douglas County for two weeks.
  - Churchill and Eureka counties have been newly added, and it is the first week for both.
  - o Humboldt County is no longer flagged.

- All the flagged counties met the criteria of a high case rate per 100,000.
- All counties with the exception of Eureka had a high test positivity rate.
- Eureka, Lincoln and Nye had a low average number of tests per day per 100,000.
- The COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force will hear action plans at the next meeting this Thursday from the following counties: Carson City, Clark, Elko, Humboldt, Lincoln, Lyon, Nye and Washoe.
- As of today, Nevada has logged 110,982 cases, an increase of 960 new cases since yesterday.
- The state has completed a total of 1,344,308 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.
- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 1.2% or 1,267 new cases per day.
- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 13.6%.
- Nevada continues to see a significant resurgence in COVID-19
  hospitalizations. Hospital case counts are now at 891 (754 confirmed;
  137 suspected) which is the highest recorded number of
  hospitalizations since mid-August.
  - More information on hospitalization trends can be found on the <u>Nevada Hospital Association website</u>

Kat Miller, Director of the Department of Veterans Services discussed how Veterans Day will look in Nevada this year and provided an overview of services.

- This Wednesday, Nov. 11, is Veterans Day. There is often confusion about differences between Memorial and Veterans Day. Memorial Day is a national day of remembrance in May to commemorate the men and women who died while in the military service of our country. Veterans Day is set aside to celebrate and thank ALL who served — in wartime or peacetime — regardless of if they died or survived.
- Normally, tens of thousands of Nevadans turn out to participate in Veterans day celebrations across the state, but this year, most of these events have been canceled in order to protect veterans, their families, and their supporters.
  - Veterans Day activities will take place at NDVS Veterans Homes, but there will be no public gatherings.
- To help celebrate Nevada's veterans in a safe manner, and with the support of leaders in Nevada's veterans community, NDVS has produced a State of Nevada Veterans Day video that will feature Governor Sisolak, Korean Consul General Kyung Jae Park, Nevada National Guard Major General Ondra Berry, Chairman Bill Bauman of the Nevada Veterans Services Commission, and numerous others, including State Commanders from Veterans Services Organizations.
  - While a video can never truly replace time-honored traditional celebrations, NDVS is thankful to be able to celebrate Veterans Day with our family of veterans and their supporters.
  - The video will be unveiled the morning of Nov. 11 on the NDVS YouTube Channel, the <u>NDVS website</u> and posted on NDVS social media pages.

- We do encourage Nevadans to show their support for our veteran community by flying an American flag and reaching out to veterans they know by calling or texting.
- The Nevada Department of Veterans Services is dedicated to helping Nevada veterans and their families connect to benefits and services they have earned.
- For those looking for opportunities to support Nevada's veterans, there are many local and statewide organizations including the Nevada Veterans Advocates program, S.A.V.E. suicide prevention program or Heroes for Heroes, a program virtually connecting our veterans home residents with volunteer supporters. Information on these and other programs can be found on the <u>NDVS website</u>.

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